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Social media threat shuts schools

Julie Brown
Special Writer

Wayne-Westland Community Schools were closed Tuesday due to social media threats.

Schools Superintendent Shelley Holt posted a letter online stating, "Today, Wayne Westland schools in conjunction with law enforcement as well as county and state officials has spent the majority of our day investigating several threats that have been posted on social media. As we continue to investigate with layers of law enforcement we have decided to cancel school for the entire district on Tuesday, Feb. 27, 2018 to ensure the safety and security of our children, staff and buildings.

"Parents and families, we need your help. These threats are coming from someone's social media account and we need your assistance to ensure that it is not coming from your home. Please check your child's snapchat, text messages and any other social media accounts to ensure it is not coming from yours.

"If you see any messages or receive information regarding the threats, do not forward or repost any of these messages. Call the police immediately. We will be working with law enforcement throughout the night and day tomorrow to ensure all buildings are safe.

"We apologize for any inconvenience, but hope you can appreciate the extra safety measures being taken. While I understand that many want to know what is going on in real time. This is not possible during an active investigation, so please bear with us as we work with law enforcement to address and stabilize these threats. You will receive a message from me tomorrow (Wednesday) about classes on Wednesday," the letter concluded.

Dr. Shelley Holt

March may be reading month, but members of several local library book clubs meet year round to discuss the works they are reading. Photo by David Willett

Well read

Local book clubs foster the shared love of reading

Julie Brown
Special Writer

Jenine Mosseri is new to the Romulus Public Library, but she is already very familiar with the popularity of book groups for adult readers.

"It's just a bunch of people who get together who enjoy reading," said adult services librarian Mosseri, who started at Romulus on Jan. 29 this year.

Romulus has a Second Monday Book Club Discussion at 7 p.m. each month at the library on Wayne Road. Romulus also has a group for those age 55 and up that meets at 10:30 a.m. the third Tuesday of the month at the Romulus Senior Center, 36525 Bibbins St.

Those are among a plethora of adult reading groups that have taken off in recent years.

Sue Patterson, adult services librarian at the Plymouth District Library, who coordinates Contemporary Books at the facility, is a supporter of the book discussion groups.

"I think they gain a lot of insight. It helps bridge cultures. I think there are a lot of advantages to it. Shared reading helps people understand and interpret books. You learn about yourself and the community. I always gain a lot from joining in and participating," she said.

At Romulus, newcomer Mosseri has started by observing the two reading groups in the community, and is eager to join the discussions. In March, her Second Monday group is discussing "Glory Over Everything: Beyond the Kitchen House" by Kathleen Grissom.

That's a return to the author's earlier "The Kitchen House," she noted, and should yield a lively discussion.

"It's a very active group. Everyone participates in the discussion," said Mosseri. "Everyone's welcome to join the discussion."

She had been a children's librarian, and finds her college literature background helpful. At Romulus each fall, members choose their books to read.

"I think the different group members have points that interest them," said Mosseri. "That's kind of what guides our conversation."

Newcomers are welcome to join the regular attendees, she emphasized. Patterson, whose Plymouth Contemporary Books meets at 7 p.m. the second Tuesday of the month, agrees.

Patterson has led that group, which chooses titles for discussion each July, for some 13-14 years. On Feb. 13, they discussed "The Buried Giant" by Kazuo Ishiguro, a novel with elements of mythology.

The discussion was excellent, said Patterson. "It also dealt with a lot of themes that are relevant today," she said, including aging, memory loss, infidelity, and forgiveness after warfare.

Members discussed atrocities of the 20th and 21st centuries, and such issues as tensions between North Korea and South Korea, "and whether you hold onto your grudges. There's a lot to be said about that," Patterson noted.

She finds people like new genres. "They gave it a shot

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Elaine Skrzynski, right, and Janice Ford discuss 'X: A Novel' at the Canton Public Library seniors group. Skrzynski is an adult services librarian and Canton resident, as is group member Ford. Photo by Julie Brown

Supervisor abandons Congress campaign

Kurt Heise will not be resigning as supervisor of Plymouth Township to seek a term in the U.S. House of Representatives.

Heise confirmed last week that he has ended his fledgling campaign for the 11th District House seat and announced that he will support Michigan Senate floor leader Mike Kowall in his bid for the seat now filled by U.S. Rep. Dave Trott, who opted not to seek re-election.

All are Republicans.

Heise said Kowall's popularity was a factor in his decision and that he felt his own chances diminished when Kowall announced his intent to seek the office. Heise said he felt that Kowall had the best chance in a field of candidates that currently includes Republicans Lena Epstein, Kerry Bentivolio, Kristine Bonds, Klint Kesto and Rocky Raczowski along with Democrats Dan Haberman, Suneel Gupta, Fayrouz Saad and Tim Greimel.

Heise, who formerly served as a state representative, is in the second year of his four-year term as Supervisor of Plymouth Township. He defeated former supervisor and Wayne County Commissioner Shannon Price who was appointed to the job when Richard Reaume resigned mid-term and moved to Florida. Heise defeated Price in a write-in campaign amidst rampant public discontent voiced by residents at public meetings regarding a more than $2 million recreation plan for the township.

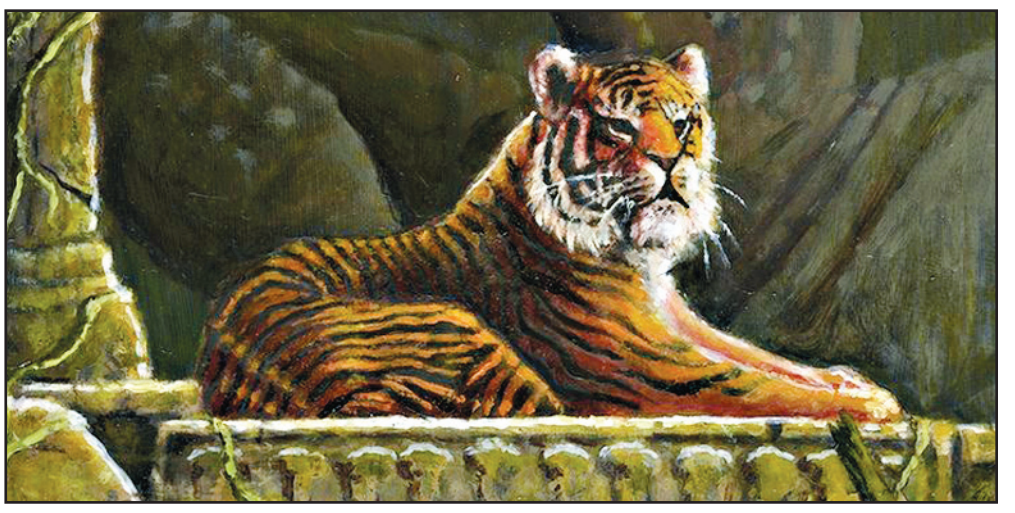
Heise's announced plan to seek national office was also publicly criticized by residents who felt that he misled them during the write-in campaign.

In a formal statement last week supporting Kowall, Heise thanked voters for their past support.

"I want to thank you for support and commitment to my campaign," the letter stated. "I am honored by your confidence and trust. It is an honor to serve as Plymouth Township Supervisor, and I look forward to many years of continued public service."

Belleville - Canton

Artist shares talent at health facility



Paintings and sculptures of giraffes, elephants, rhinoceros, lions and tigers adorn the walls of Nick Bair's home art studio in Canton Township. Many of the life-like artworks are complete, and many more are in progress on easels and hung on the walls.

Bair, 24, was inspired by safari life after a family visit to Africa years ago where he had the opportunity to see the desert and its natural inhabitants first-hand.

Now, a vast selection of his safari-inspired work is being displayed at the new Exceptional Families Autism Center, located within the building shared by the Beaumont Center for Exceptional Families and University of Michigan-Dearborn's Early Childhood Education Center.

The center opened last fall and the space is dedicated to families seeking individual and select services for their children based on individual needs.

"One of the most important things about this center and what makes it a crown jewel is that we have so many important disciplines all in one place," said Jason Majchrzak, supervisor, Autism Center and board certified behavior analyst. "The Autism Center is a one-stop-shop for families who require a diverse set of services and disciplines to further their child's progress."

Everywhere you look, from the lobby to the conference rooms, classrooms, offices and learning areas, there's an art piece created by Bair. Though now in his 20's, Bair still has biannual appointments with Susan Youngs, MD, medical director of the Beaumont Children's CEF. They meet to catch up on his progress and walk through any areas where he may need assistance or medical advice.

"Nick is a special and very talented young man," said Youngs. "I'm so proud to see how far he's come, and that he has excelled in a way that honors his passion in life. His interest in art and being active and involved in other activities shows how much he's grown."

According to his mom, Christina Bair, talking was difficult for Bair when he was younger. She said he used to draw a lot of pictures and his art would help him communicate with his parents and caregivers.

His inspiration and desire to learn more about mixed media artwork and other techniques led him to take a weekly class at the College for Creative Studies in Detroit.

His father, Derek Bair, M.D. is the Corporate Director of Neonatology at Beaumont Hospital, Dearborn. He's taken pen and ink art classes with his son, which his mother joins at the College for Creative Studies to take notes about the business aspect of art so Bair can focus on his work.

"I do believe there's some genetic part of being an artist. His dad is an artist, and so are two of his grandparents," Christina Bair said. "Even from a very early age in preschool, he would be drawing shapes with his fingers in sand."

She added, "Sometimes people say 'Oh, it's a savant ability,' and it's not. This is who Nick is and he has worked very hard at it. He didn't come out of the box drawing masterpieces. It is who he is and we want him to have the same opportunity as anyone else to do this."

Recently, Bair toured the new autism center with his dad. When asked about his impression of seeing his artwork displayed for the first time, he said, "It looks like I was famous."

He also had a few words for another young child with autism who might be interested in pursuing drawing.

"I started drawing dinosaurs when I was young," he said. "They should try and draw lots of different things. They should find things that excite them to learn about."

For now, Bair is working on an acrylic painting of a flamingo from the Caribbean. In between his art class, a part-time job at a local grocery store and karate classes with his dad, he's refining his painting and planning for it to be part of an art exhibit in his hometown of Canton.

"Nick is a great example of someone with autism who has found a balance in his passion for art and other responsibilities in his life," said Youngs. "He's worked hard, but also has the drive to learn and get better at it."

To see more of Bair's works of art, visit www.artistnickbair.com. For more information about the Beaumont Children's Center for Exceptional Families, the University of Michigan-Dearborn Early Childhood Education Center and the Exceptional Families Autism Center, call (313) 996-1951 or visit Beaumont.org/cef.

Autism treatment services are also available through Beaumont Children's Center for Human Development.

Board discusses land value

Administrators from the Van Buren Public Schools will hear recommendations regarding the market price and the possible sale of several district-owned properties this month.

Director of Buildings and Grounds James Williams told members of the board of education at their last meeting that a group of administrators would have the results of appraisals ordered on four properties this month. He said a group from the administration would review the results and then prepare a report for the members of the board of education.

The properties include a 19.84 site on Denton Road in Canton Township zoned R-1, Single Family Residential, estimated value of $533,478; 31.52 acres at 17601 Elwell Road, Sumpter Township, zoned AG - Agricultural, estimated value of $847,541; 10.93 acres on Morton Taylor Road, Van Buren Township, zoned R1B, Single Family Residential, estimated value of $279,377 and 8.56 acres in West Willow, Ypsilanti Township, zoned R-5 One-Family Residential, estimated value, $230,170.

Board members also discussed the feasibility of purchasing the estimated 10 acres of land owned by St. Anthony's Catholic Church in Belleville which is zone R-1, Single Family Residential. The estimated value of that property is about $268,890, according to a presentation from Plante Moran CRESA representatives who attended the meeting to help discuss potential land sales or acquisitions.

Superintendent of Schools Pete Kudlak told the board members that there had been some interest in buying some of the district-owned sites.

"At one point there was talk about buying the St. Anthony property," Kudlak told the board members. "We'll narrow details down to get closer to whether we want to buy or sell."

No date for the upcoming report was announced.

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WAYNE - WESTLAND

Westland mayor joins race for Conyer's seat

A familiar name in Westland has joined the crowded field seeking to fill the term of former Congressman John Conyers.

Westland Mayor William R. Wild is seeking to fill the seat left vacant since Conyers announced his retirement following sexual harassment allegations in early December.

In a prepared statement from his campaign, Wild stated that he felt he is well suited to represent the district in Congress.

"I believe my work ethic, energy and proven track record of getting things done are what everyday families in the 13th Congressional District need now," he is quoted in the statement.

Wild, a graduate of John Glenn High School and longtime Westland resident, was elected to his third mayoral term last November. He was first appointed to the position in 2007 and since then has managed the 10th largest city in the state with about 85,000 residents. Prior to becoming mayor, he served on the Westland Planning Commission from 1999-2001 and served on the Westland City Council from 2001-2007, including two years as president.

Wild said that he has attracted more than $200 million in investment in the city business district and managed the city from a budget deficit to a $6 million rainy-day fund while increasing the city bond rating. He also credits the creation of a LGBTQ anti-discrimination policy in the city and his Wild About Youth Works job program, among a list of accomplishments.

"For nearly two decades, I've been bridging the gap between the needs of our neighborhoods and federal policies and dollars. We can do better," Wild said. "We must keep Congress focused squarely on the issues that matter, like rebuilding our infrastructure, access to affordable quality health care, excellent schools for our kids and to good-paying jobs and opportunities."

Wild is among a widening field of Congressional hopefuls including state Rep. Rashida Tlaib, a community organizer and the first Muslim woman elected to the Michigan Legislature, who has indicated she will seek the office along with Conyers' son, John Conyers III, and his great-nephew, state Sen. Ian Conyers as well as state Sen. Coleman Young III, Detroit City Council President Brenda Jones, state Rep. Sherry Gay-Dagnogo, former state Rep. Shanelle Jackson and Democratic activist Michael Gilmore.

A primary election narrowing the field of candidates for Conyers seat is set for Aug. 7 and the general election will be Nov. 6. The 13th Congressional District includes Dearborn Heights, portions of Detroit, Ecorse, Garden City, Highland Park, Inkster, Melvindale, Redford Township, River Rouge, Romulus, Wayne and Westland.

Mother facing murder charges in death of 3-year-old

Cassandra Kay Michalski

A 26-year-old Wayne woman is facing murder and child abuse in the death of her 3-year-old daughter.

Cassandra Kay Michalski was arraigned Monday before Judge Laura Mack at the 29th District Court on charges of felony murder and first degree child abuse.

According to reports from the office of Wayne County Prosecutor Kym Worthy, Michalski transported the child to Beaumont Hospital Wayne at about 8:10 p.m. Nov. 10 from their home on the 34400 block of John Street in Wayne.

The child, Skyler Rayne Michalski, was pronounced dead on arrival at the hospital. Medical professionals found injuries on the head, neck and back of the child and contacted Wayne Police. An officer was dispatched to the hospital at 8:30 p.m. the same night to investigate the death.

The Wayne County Medical Examiner issued his report on the cause of death on Feb. 2 as abusive head trauma and ruled the death a homicide.

Michalski was arrested by Wayne police last weekend.

Mack ordered a $100,000 surety bond with the conditions that should she meet the bond amount, she cannot return to the John Street home, have no contact with children and wear a GPS tether.

A probable cause hearing on the case is set for 9 a.m. March 6 at the 29th District Court.

Skyler Rayne Michalski

Buddy Up program set

The City of Westland is beginning the 6th year of the popular, seven-week "Buddy Up" Program which has been part of Mayor William R. Wild's "Passport to a Healthy City" initiative which started in 2012.

"The heart and soul of the program is Buddy Shuh who was a contestant on the reality TV show, The Biggest Loser," commented Wild. "Westland is very fortunate to benefit from his experience and continued dedication to helping us create a healthier community."

The "Buddy Up" Kick Off will take place at 7 p.m. March 9 in the banquet room at city hall where participants will be assigned team captains and hear an inspirational message from Shuh.

After the initial event, participants will meet from 9-10:30 a.m. every Saturday for seven weeks and will be guided and encouraged through the program by their team captain.

This year, back by popular demand, is an optional weight loss challenge where the top three participants with the most weight loss will win a prize.

Registration is limited to the first 250 paid registrants. This program is open to all interested individuals looking to engage in a healthier lifestyle.

Online registration has opened and is available at www.cityofwestland.com.

The fee is $30 which includes an event t-shirt and access to the special Buddy-Up only section of Wild's Passport to a Healthy City web site with helpful information.

'Matter of Balance' offered

The National Kidney Foundation of Michigan and The Senior Alliance are starting a no-cost fitness class called "A Matter of Balance" in Wayne on Tuesday, March 6.

The classes will take place at the HYPE Recreation Center, 4635 Howe Road in Wayne from 11 a.m. until 1 p.m. Tuesdays and Thursdays for eight weekly sessions, March 6, 8, 13, 15, 20; 22, 27 and 29. To register, call the Wayne Senior Services office at (734) 721-7460, Ext.7

This award-winning program provides information about how to make changes to reduce fall risks at home; simple exercises to improve strength, balance and flexibility and ways to realistic goals to increase activity. The classes also provide a participant workbook, exercises starting at the third class, a guest health care speaker and a certificate of completion.

Classes are free and snacks are provided but donations are always accepted. For more information on other "A Matter of Balance" programs, visit www.nkfm.org/matterofbalance or call (800) 482-1455.

Charter Township of Canton Board Proceedings - February 20, 2018

A regular study session meeting of the Board of Trustees of the Charter Township of Canton was held Tuesday, February 20, 2018 at 1150 Canton Center S., Canton, Michigan. Supervisor Williams called the meeting to order at 6:00 p.m. and led the Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag. **Roll Call** Members Present: Anthony, Foster, Graham-Hudak, Siegrist, Slavens, Williams Members Absent: Sneideman, Staff Present: None Adoption of Agenda Motion by Anthony, supported by Slavens to approve the agenda as presented. Motion carried by all members present. **STUDY SESSION: TOPIC 1: Review Ethics Committee Recommendation** Presenter: Clerk Siegrist Outline of Discussion: 1. Existing Policy - History of Establishment of Ethics Sub Committee 2. Ordinance or Policy 3. New Items a. Ethics Orientation b. Gift Ban c. New Forms 4. Board of Ethics 5. Enforcing Ordinance a. Process b. Penalties A complete copy of the document(s) presented to the board is available through the Township Clerk's Office, 1150 S. Canton Center Road, Canton MI 48188 during regular business hours or by calling 734-394-5120. **ADDITIONAL PUBLIC COMMENT:** Mike Schultz, resident, commented favorably regarding establishing this ordinance. OTHER: None ADJOURN: Motion by Anthony, supported by Siegrist to adjourn at 7:36 p.m. Motion carried by all members present.

_____Michael A. Siegrist, Clerk _____Pat Williams, Supervisor

Copies of the complete text of the Board Minutes are available at the Clerk's office of the Charter Township of Canton, 1150 S. Canton Center Rd, Canton, MI 48188, 734-394- 5120, during regular business hours or be accessed through our web site www.canton-mi.org after Board Approval. CN1657 - 030118 2.5 x 2.015

CHARTER TOWNSHIP OF CANTON
INVITATION TO BID

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that the Charter Township of Canton, 1150 Canton Center S, Canton, Michigan will accept sealed bids at the Office of the Clerk up to 3:00 p.m. Thursday, March 15, 2018 for the following:

BUS TRANSPORTATION SERVICES

Bids may be picked up at the Finance and Budget Department, on our website at www.canton-mi.org, or you may contact Mike Sheppard at: 734/394-5225. All bids must be submitted in a sealed envelope clearly marked with the proposal name, company name, address and telephone number and date and time of bid opening. The Township reserves the right to accept or reject any or all proposals. The Township does not discriminate on the basis of race, color, national origin, sex, religion, age or disability in employment or the provision of services.

MICHAEL SIEGRIST, CLERK

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CHARTER TOWNSHIP OF CANTON
ACCESS TO PUBLIC MEETINGS

The Charter Township of Canton will provide necessary, reasonable auxiliary aids and services to individuals with disabilities at the meeting/hearing upon notice to the Charter Township of Canton.

In accordance with the requirements of Title II of the Americans with Disabilities Act of 1990 ("ADA"), the Charter Township of Canton will not discriminate against qualified individuals with disabilities on the basis of disability in its services, programs, or activities.

Employment: The Charter Township of Canton does not discriminate on the basis of disability in its hiring or employment practices and complies with all regulations promulgated by the U.S. Equal Employment Opportunity Commission under Title II of the ADA.

Effective Communication: The Charter Township of Canton will generally, upon request, provide appropriate aids and services leading to effective communication for qualified persons with disabilities so they can participate equally in the Charter Township of Canton's programs, services, and activities, including qualified sign language interpreters, documents in Braille, and other ways of making information and communications accessible to people who have speech, hearing, or vision impairments.

Modifications to Policies and Procedures: The Charter Township of Canton will make all reasonable modifications to policies and programs to ensure that people with disabilities have an equal opportunity to enjoy all of its programs, services, and activities. For example, individuals with service animals are welcomed in the Charter Township of Canton's offices, even where pets are generally prohibited.

Anyone who requires an auxiliary aid or service for effective communication, or a modification of policies or procedures to participate in a program, service, or activity of the Charter Township of Canton should contact the office of Barb Brouillette, Human Resources Coordinator, Charter Township of Canton, 1150 S. Canton Center Road, Canton, MI 48188, (734) 394-5260 as soon as possible but no later than 48 hours before the scheduled event.

The ADA does not require the Charter Township of Canton to take any action that would fundamentally alter the nature of its programs or services, or impose an undue financial or administrative burden.

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MICHAEL SIEGRIST, CLERK

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CHARTER TOWNSHIP OF CANTON
PUBLIC NOTICE

Notice is hereby given by the undersigned, Michael A. Siegrist, Clerk of the Charter Township of Canton, County of Wayne, State of Michigan to all residents of the Charter Township of Canton the March Board of Review will be held in the Canton Township Hall on the first floor, at 1150 S. Canton Center Road.

The following is the schedule for March Board of Review:

Tuesday, March 6th 2018	3:30 pm - 4:30 pm	Organizational Meeting
Monday, March 12th 2018	9:00 am - 4:30 pm	
Tuesday, March 13th 2018	1:00 pm - 9:00 pm	
Wednesday, March 14th 2018	1:00 pm - 9:00 pm	

To schedule an appointment or If you have any questions regarding the March Board of Review, you may contact the Assessing office at (734) 394-5111.

MICHAEL SIEGRIST, CLERK

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CITY OF ROMULUS
2018 BOARD OF REVIEW

To the taxpayers of the City of Romulus: The Board of Review will meet in the Romulus City Hall, Council Chambers, 11111 Wayne Road, Romulus, MI 48174 on the following dates and times by **APPOINTMENT ONLY** for the purpose of reviewing the assessment roll. Please come prepared, as a ten (10) minute time limit before the Board will be strictly adhered to.

March 12, 2018:	9:00 am to 12:00 pm & 1:00 pm to 4:00 pm
March 13, 2018:	6:00 pm to 9:00 pm
March 14, 2018:	9:00 am to 12:00 pm

Residents and Non-Residents may appeal by (1) making an appointment to appear before the Board **OR** (2) in writing (personal appearance is not required). The Board of Review MUST receive all written appeals/documentation no later than March 14, 2018 at 12:00 pm.

Property owners may appoint and authorize a representative to appear on their behalf. According to Ordinance, all Representatives or Agents MUST submit an original, notarized, current proof of authorization to act on behalf of the property owner as a prerequisite to appeal to the Board of Review.

To schedule an appointment to appeal to the March Board of Review, please call the City of Romulus Department of Assessment at 734. 942.7520.

For the purpose of addressing clerical errors, mutual mistakes of fact, poverty exemptions, veteran's exemptions, and principal residence exemptions, the Board of Review will meet in the Romulus City Hall, Council Office, 11111 Wayne Road, Romulus, MI 48174 on:

July 17, 2018:	9:30 am
December 11, 2018:	9:30 am

All Board of Review meetings are open meetings in compliance with the "Open Meetings Act".

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and felt they benefited from it. I think just the idea of sharing their views when they read. I think more and more people are reading for pleasure. It's both social and intellectual,'' said Patterson, who cited more book publicity, including Oprah Winfrey's, contributing to book group popularity.

Plymouth also hosts a Brown Bags Books group at noon the fourth Wednesday of the month. Plymouth's Books on Tap is co-hosted by the Liberty Street Brewing Co. in Old Village.

In addition, a library science student intern, Franco Vitella, has just started a ''Graphic Novel League'' at Plymouth for fans of that genre.

Plymouth's website is www.plymouthlibrary.org, while the Romulus Public Library is at www.romuluslibrary.org.

In addition to the popular adult reading groups, many libraries offer books in a bag to allow readers to form their own groups. Children's and teen book discussions also are popular.

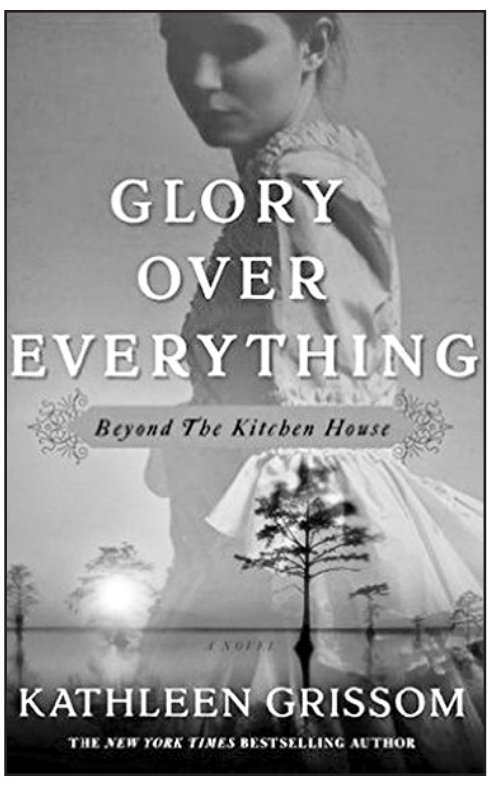
Other library websites with more information are: the Northville District Library at www.northvillelibrary.org; the William P. Faust Public Library of Westland at www.westlandlibrary.org; the Canton Public Library at www.cantonpl.org; and the Leanna Hicks Public Library of Inkster at www.inkster.lib.mi.us.

The William P. Faust Public Library of Westland has diverse offerings in adult book groups. The new Nonfiction Book Club meets at 7 p.m. on the third Wednesday of the month at the library on Central City Parkway.

Westland also offers a Noontime Book Club at noon on the last Tuesday of every month, as well as a Science Fiction/Fantasy Book Club which meets at 7 p.m. on the last Wednesday of every month. Westland also hosts a periodic Family Book Club, with details at www.westlandlibrary.org under Book Discussion Groups.

The Canton Public Library on Canton Center Road has ample offerings for adult readers, including the Adult Contemporary Book Discussion Group at 7 p.m. the third Monday of the month. Canton also has a Seniors Book Discussion Group at 2 p.m. the fourth Thursday of the month (December excluded); Lunch and a Book at noon the second Thursday of the month and the Nonfiction Book Group at 10 a.m. the third Saturday of the month.

The Canton library is also helping English as a Second Language (ESL) learners hone their language skills by discussing books. With help from the



Plymouth-Canton Community Literacy Council, public librarians offer a weekly Friday book discussion. Those books are chosen primarily based on level of text, including cultural idioms, said program librarian Laura Fawcett.

That ESL effort also includes an every other week gathering as language learners progress to more advanced knowledge of English.

''I think it's people with common interests that enjoy an opportunity to connect. Our book clubs are very well-attended,'' Fawcett said.''

The Canton Public Library Adult Contemporary group members chose books each year, while Canton librarians pick the others and share the book leader role on a rotating basis. About 20 people show up for lunchtime meetings, Fawcett said.

''Occasionally we'll do award-winning books,'' she added. Canton participants and others are reading the current Great MIchigan Read, ''X: A Novel,'' in which Ilyasah Shabazz writes with co-author Kekla Magoon of the early years of her late father, Malcolm X, a civil rights activist.

''One of our main goals here at the library is to connect people with other people. It's nice to get out of the house for a little while,'' said Fawcett.

Canton has many baby boomers who like to read, and some attend the seniors group. ''Obviously by its title it's going to attract a certain demographic,'' she said.

Some popular fiction authors are occasionally chosen for library discussion, and Fawcett has no problem with that.

''It runs the gamut,'' she said. ''There is something to be said for all of that,'' she noted of writers like Danielle Steel. ''Sure, Absolutely. Always.''

Legislators blast 'first-language' law

State Rep. Jewell Jones (D-Inkster) was critical of a recent bill enacted in the House of Representatives making English the official language of Michigan.

Jones, along with several other Democratic representatives, said that the new designation would serve only to promote further political division among residents.

The bill-HB4053-was introduced abruptly in the House last week. It would require that English be the official language used in all public documents and in all public meetings. Similar policies have been enacted in 32 other states. It was sponsored by Rep. Tom Barrett, R-Potterville. He claims that it simply codifies into law what is already being practiced in the state.

''It's sad and disappointing that a majority of state legislators felt a need to make English the official state language. This bill pits party against party and person against person when there is no real problem with the language government uses to do its work,'' Jones said.

He added that he felt this bill was also ''dangerous, because it makes refugees, recent immigrants and those with limited English abilities fear that they won't be able to get help from police, the courts or the state Legislature in a language they can understand.''

Jones said that the Legislature should be not be ''voting for bills that polarize our communities but do nothing to create good-paying jobs, improve our schools or fix our roads.''

''I'll continue to make sure the voice of everyone I represent is heard in the Capitol, no matter which language they speak,'' Jones said.

His sentiments were echoed by state Rep. Erika Geiss (D-Taylor), who also represents Romulus in the State House of Representatives.

''This bill will do nothing more than cause thousands of Michiganders to be designated to a lower class because English - the American version - is not their first language,'' she said.

''We have no time to waste on frivolous legislation, when we should be focused on making sure our kids are safe, on the roads and in their schools and communities. This is not the time to further divide ourselves into groups of us and them. This is the time to put being Michiganders before such divisive politics,'' Geiss concluded.

The bill was approved by a 62-46 vote with four Democrats, including Robert Kosowski of Westland, joining most Republicans voting in favor of the legislation.

The bill will now move to the state Senate for a vote.

Mayor's Ball is Saturday

Belleville Mayor Kerreen Conley and Romulus Mayor LeRoy Burcroff are once again teaming up to host the 5th Annual Mayors' Ball beginning at 6 p.m. March 3, to support the Belleville and Romulus Boys and Girls Clubs

During the past four years the event has raised thousands of dollars to support the organization which provides a safe place for hundreds of children to go after school when there may be no other alternative.

The evening at the Belleville Yacht Club (BYC) includes dinner, dancing and a live and silent auction with all proceeds supporting the Boys and Girls Clubs. Usual attendance at the event is about 300 community and industry leaders, including Southeastern Michigan mayors, supervisors, council members, trustees, school board members, county commissioners, state representatives and U.S. congress representatives, according to a prepared release.

The Boys and Girls Club provides an environment centered on values, respect, education, and creativity allowing children to grow. Funds are needed to support programming for life skills, leadership, goal setting, tutoring, and recreational activities that expand the minds and imagination of the students, positioning them to succeed in a world that sometimes is stacked against them, according to a statement.

Sponsorships for the Mayor's Ball are now available at several funding levels to fit any budget, a spokesperson said. Donations are also being sought for the silent and live auctions at the event. Popular auction items are sporting event tickets, baskets, or cash contributions toward live auction items. All donations are tax deductible and the organization is a 501(c)3 designee, ID number 38-1387123.

For more information, contact Conley's office at (313) 969-5183 or email mayorsball@yahoo.com.

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Northville - Plymouth

School bond sale is 'well received'

Members of the Northville Public Schools Board of Education of Northville are more than pleased with the sale of the 2018 building and site bonds approved by voters last year.

The 2018 School Building and Site Bonds, Series I, in the amount of $11,910,000, representing the first series of bonds, are being issued for the purpose of erecting, furnishing and equipping additions to and remodeling, furnishing and refurnishing, and equipping and re-equipping school facilities; acquiring and installing instructional technology in school facilities; purchasing school buses; erecting, furnishing, equipping, developing and improving playgrounds, sites, athletic fields and facilities, and paying the cost of issuing the bonds, a district spokesman explained.

"The positive financial rating for the district's bond issue contributed to the opportunity to sell the bonds at a favorable rate, maximizing the bond dollars targeted directly toward upgrading school facilities, enhancing existing school security, and providing students across the district with modern learning environments," said Northville Superintendent of Schools Mary Kay Gallagher.

"Our primary goal is to support learning for all students in a manner that prepares them for meeting the expectations and demands of colleges, universities and employers now, and in the future. These improvements will enhance Northville Public Schools' tradition of excellence, while honoring our board of education's commitment to strong stewardship of the community's investment in our schools," she added.

The district's financing was conducted by the Michigan investment banking office of the brokerage firm, Stifel, the municipal advising firm, PFM Financial Advisors LLC and the law firm serving as bond counsel, Thrun Law Firm, P.C. The bonds were sold at a true interest rate of 2.23 percent with a final maturity of 2027 (a repayment term of approximately 9 years).

"Northville Public Schools' bonds were well received by the bond market. We were able to take advantage of current interest rates that met the goals of the district and resulted in a lower cost of borrowing than originally anticipated," said Brenda Voutyras, managing director with Stifel.

Commission to vote on adding 3 liquor licenses

Members of the Plymouth City Commission are expected to vote for the second and final time next week to increase the limit on city liquor licenses to 16 in the downtown area and 12 in other areas of the city.

The commissioners took an initial vote on the proposal last week following a report from the three-member Liquor License Review Board chaired by Mayor Pro Tem Colleen Pobur.

A second and final vote lifting the overall limit from 25 to 28 is expected at the March 5 meeting. In addition, commissioners have amended other rules and will now allow a proposed brewpub to seek a permit, rather than a liquor license if it is located in a restaurant that has a Class C liquor license.

Two local businesses, Greek Islands Eatery and Westborn Market, have been seeking approval from the city for liquor licenses and the increase is expected to favor the applications they have previously submitted.

Plymouth Mayor Oliver Wolcott commented that the city needs to evolve and change if it is to compete with cities like Detroit, were new restaurants and bars are attracting throngs of young people.

"Every community is seeing the effect of what's happening in downtown Detroit," he said. "It has, obviously, had an impact on the restaurants and bars in small suburban towns like Plymouth. It's time now to allow a couple of new things to be downtown," Wolcott commented at the commission meeting.

Wolcott added that Police Chief Al Cox had been consulted regarding the proposed increase in licenses at the city level. The mayor said that Cox assured him that the current number of officers can handle any enforcement issues. Wolcott also addressed the concerns regarding parking in the city and said that officials are pursuing ways to create more downtown parking in an effort to avoid those problems.

Pobur was also in favor of the change. She and the other board members met six times to discuss the possible increase in licenses in the city.

"We're seeing a change in our restaurants in the community. That's good because it keeps things lively, it keeps things vibrant and it keeps things fresh," she said. Pobur also noted that the current enforcement by the police department and the cooperation from businesses that already have liquor licenses have "changed the culture in the community.

If you come to Plymouth, don't drive drunk or you will get caught," she said.

The only dissenting vote on the recommendation came from Commissioner Ed Kroll who said that he had heard from some residents who were opposed to the increase in liquor licenses.

Currently, two of the existing liquor licenses in the city are in escrow and not in use, one at Panache 447 which is closed and the other at the former Plymouth Crossing, which has been closed for some time.

State grants $650,000 to build technology center

The Michigan Economic Development Corporation has awarded a $650,000 performance-based grant from the Michigan Business Development Program to assist Zhongding U.S.A., Inc. in constructing their North American Technology Center in Northville Township.

Established in 1980, Zhongding U.S.A., Inc. has locations in several states, including Michigan, Delaware and Massachusetts. The company produces rubber and metal parts for original equipment manufacturers and Tier 1 suppliers around the world.

"It's no surprise that businesses are investing in unique local communities like Northville," noted State Rep. Jeff Noble. "Providing this grant brings additional commerce and job growth to an already thriving community."

At a projected 30,000 square feet, the North American Technology Center will house various Zhongding divisions, including sales, marketing, engineering, research and development and testing. The project is expected to generate a total capital investment of $6.9 million, creating 80 jobs in Northville Township.

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Calendar of events

Veterans set Fish Frys

Plymouth VFW Post 6695 will host Friday Night Fish Frys from 5-7 p.m. every Friday night during Lent. The fish frys will continue through March 30.

Menu choices include cod, walleye, shrimp or chicken strips. Dinners include French fries, baked potato or macaroni and cheese, cole slaw, roll and butter and coffee.

There will also be 50-50 raffles during the dinners.

The Plymouth VFW Post is located at 1426 S Mill St. near Lilley Road just north of Ann Arbor Road.

Members' work exhibited

The Northville Art House will host the 12th Annual Members' Exhibition from March 2 through March 24. The exhibit will showcase the talents of current member artists through original works of art created in a variety of media and styles.

The 12th Annual Members' Exhibition will open with a reception from 6-9 p.m. Friday, March 2 and will continue though Saturday, March 24 during Art House hours, noon until 5 p.m. Tuesday-Friday and noon until 4 p.m. Saturday.

The Northville Art House is located at 215 W. Cady St. and is a facility of the Northville Arts Commission. Admission to Art House exhibits is free and open to the public. For information contact (248) 344-0497 or visit www.northvilleart-house.org.

GriefShare program begins

GriefShare is a 13-week, nondenominational program that focuses on grief topics associated with the death of a loved one. Whether the bereavement experience is recent or not so recent, coping tools will be available.

Meetings will take place at 6 p.m. Thursdays at the Romulus Wesleyan Church at Goddard and Huron River Drive.

The series will continue through May 17. Participants may attend any or all meetings, although the most benefit is received through attending every meeting.

The seminar/support group features DVDs with nationally respected grief experts and real-life stories by people who have experienced the pain of losing a loved one, followed by group discussion.

Grief-related handouts will be available each week. Registration fee is $15 which will include a journal/workbook that coordinates with the DVD lesson for each week.

For more information: www.grief-share.org

For questions, call (734) 941-1511.

Slow Flow Yoga classes set

The City of Plymouth Recreation Department will offer a six-week Adult Slow Flow Yoga class from 6:30 until 7:45 p.m. Tuesdays beginning March 6 through April 24 or Thursdays, March 8 through April 26 at the Plymouth Cultural Center.

This active, multi-level yoga class is taught in a flow style format.

Cost for this class is $77 for city of Plymouth Residents and $92 for non-residents.

Registration can be found online at www.ci.plymouth.mi.us or by calling (734) 455-6620, 11:30 a.m. until 4:30 p.m. Monday-Friday.

Balance program offered

A Matter of Balance, an award-winning program designed to reduce the fear of falling and increase seniors' activity levels will be offered by Wayne Senior Services from 11 a.m. until 1 p.m. Tuesdays and Thursdays, beginning March 6.

The classes are free and teach practical strategies to manage falls, make changes to reduce fall risks at home and improve balance and flexibility.

To register, call (734) 721-7460. Classes take place at the HYPE Recreation Center, 4635 Howe Road in Wayne.

Northville Garden club to meet

Members of the Country Garden Club of Northville will meet at 11 a.m. Wednesday, March 7 at Ward Presbyterian Church.

The speaker will be from Leigh-French's Flower Shop discussing unique flower arranging.

Guests are welcome and there is no charge to attend the meeting.

For more information, call Sheryl Signorelli at (248) 202-1518.

Kids' Art Fair planned

The Northville Art House will present the second annual Young Artist Juried Art Fair, from 11 a.m. until 4 p.m. Saturday, March 10, at The First Presbyterian Church of Northville, 200 E. Main St.

More than 30 young artists, ranging in grades 2 - 12, will showcase their talents and be selling original artwork during the one-day indoor fair. Featured work will include: acrylics and watercolor paintings, photography, illustrations and drawing, sculpture, jewelry, fiber art and more.

Lunch and snacks will be available for purchase to support the First Presbyterian Youth Group Mission trip to Puerto Rico this July.

There is a suggested donation of $3 at the door. Children younger than 12 are admitted at no cost. Contact the Northville Art House for more information at (248) 344-0497 or go to www.northvillearthouse.org.

Health screening set

One-stop health screenings will be available from 10 a.m. until 2 p.m. Wednesday, March 14 in Wayne.

Screening includes blood pressure, cholesterol and glucose (diabetes).

No fasting required and no appointment is needed. Participants must be 18 years or older for the screenings which are offered through Beaumont Community Health.

The screenings will take place at the HYPE Recreation Center, 4635 Howe Road in Wayne.

Chicken Supper served

Willow United Methodist Church in New Boston will serve a Chicken Supper beginning at 5 p.m. March 14. Carry out service begins at 4:30 p.m.

The cost for the dinners is $10 per person and $5 for children 12 and younger. The dinners include fried chicken, mashed potatoes, green beans, biscuits and gravy, cole slaw, dessert, coffee, hot tea and milk.

The church is located at 36925 Willow Road in New Boston. Dinners will be served until supplies run out. For more information, call (734) 654-9020.

Legal consultations available

Seniors 50 and older can make an appointment for a free 15-minute free legal consultation on Thursday, March 15.

To make an appointment, call Wayne Senior Services at (734)721-7460. The appointments will take place at the HYPE Recreations Center, 4635 Howe Road in Wayne.

Mayor's team takes on Red Wings

The annual charity hockey game between Westland Mayor William R. Wild's Wild Wings and the Detroit Red Wings Alumni Association players is set to begin at 7:30 March 16 at the Mike Modano Ice Arena.

Wild and his various teammates have generated more than $150,000 to help fund improvements at the municipal ice rink. This year, the doors to the arena will open at 5:30 p.m. and at 6:15 p.m. the Westland Hockey Association Mini-Mites and Mites will take to the ice to show off their skills, hopefully not embarrassing Wild's team.

The Red Wings Alumni players and the Wild Wings will drop the puck to begin their game at 7:30, following the pre-game fun.

Adult admission is $10 and $5 for children ages 6 through 12. Those 5 and young are admitted at no cost with an adult. Tickets can be purchased at Wild's office in city hall, 36300 Warren Road, or the Mike Modano Ice Arena, 6210 North Wildwood St., or online https://westland.ticketleap.com/hockeynightwestland/details

St. Patrick's party planned

The Northville Educational Foundation will host a St. Patrick's Day Party from 7-11 p.m. Saturday, March 17, at Meadowbrook Country Club.

Presenting sponsor of the event is Community Financial Credit Union. The evening will feature epicurean delights of Meadowbrook Country Club, including heavy hors d'oeuvres and Irish fare station, an open bar, complimentary valet parking, entertainment, including Irish dancers and DJ, a silent auction and more. The evening is designed for those 21 and older.

Tickets are priced at $100 and proceeds benefit the Northville Educational Foundation and the many initiatives it supports for Northville Public Schools educators and students.

For more information and to purchase tickets go to www.SupportNEF.org

Beekeepers Conference in Belleville

The Southeast Michigan Beekeepers Conference will take place from 7:30 a.m. until 3:30 p.m. Saturday, March 17 at the Ted Scott Campus of Wayne County Community College District.

Experts, trendsetters and influencers will be on hand to share information and a tradeshow of the latest in beekeeping innovations is planned.

The event is open to the public at no cost and will feature workshops, hands-on classes and access to knowledgeable and talented speakers.

The Ted Scott Campus is located at 9555 Haggerty Road in Belleville. For more information, call (734) 699-7008.

Northville Marketplace opens

The Northville Chamber of Commerce will host the annual Northville Marketplace event, presented by Community Financial Credit Union from 11 a.m. until 2 p.m. Saturday, March 17 at Northville High School.

The Marketplace will feature more than 60 interactive exhibits from retail, service and non-profit businesses along with a Lego Building Contest.

Admission is $2 and free parking is available.

More information is available from the Chamber of Commerce website www.northville.org, or can be obtained by contacting the chamber at (248) 349-7640.

Cruise raffle now under way

Two lucky people will cruise the British Isles for 12 days for the grand total of only $50.

The Michigan Philharmonic will sell 400 raffle tickets at $50 each for the cruise, which includes round trip airfare for two. The lucky winner will cruse from Aug. 17 through 29 aboard the Princess Cruise Lines.

The cruise will depart from Southampton, England and include ports of call at Guernsey and the Channel Islands in England; Cork and Dublin in Ireland, Belfast in Northern Ireland; Glasgow, Inverness, Loch Ness and Edinburgh in Scotland and Paris and Normandy in France. Passengers will also cruise the North Sea for two days.

The drawing for the winner of the cruise is planned for April 14 at the Plymouth Arts and Recreation Complex (PARC) and the winner will be contacted that day. Ticket holders need not be present at the drawing to win.

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